

Սույնով հավաստվում է, որ կցված տեքստը 2024 թվականի հունիսի 19-ին կայացած Ասիայում մշակութային ժառանգության դաշինքի Խորհրդի 2-րդ նստաշրջանի կողմից հաստատված «Ասիայում մշակութային ժառանգության դաշինքի» կանոնադրության՝ ավանդապահի կողմից հաստատված օրինակի նույնական պատճենն է:

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իրավունքի վարչության պետ**




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Statutes of the Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 The Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia is abbreviated as “ACHA”.

Article 2 ACHA is an intergovernmental organization geared toward the implementation of the Asian Initiative for Cultural Heritage Conservation, created by Asian countries in accordance with the principles of voluntary participation, equality, mutual respect, and mutual benefit.

Article 3 The purpose of ACHA is to improve capacity for the conservation and use of cultural heritage across Asia, coordinate the long-term conservation of cultural heritage across Asia with the development of economy, society, culture, tourism, and environmental protection, increase people-to-people connectivity among Asian countries, facilitate the transmission of Asian civilizations, and build a community with a shared future for Asia.

Article 4 ACHA shall conduct the following activities:

1. support collaborative projects for the conservation and management of cultural heritage across Asia, including but not limited to archaeology, conservation and restoration of heritage sites, inter-museum exchanges, World Cultural Heritage nomination, conservation and management, preventing illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property, and facilitating return and restitution of lost items of cultural property;
2. organize conferences, forums and other activities in the field of cultural heritage;
3. encourage cooperation for professional training and capacity building;
4. present and disseminate outcomes of exchanges and cooperation.

Chapter II Member States, Observer States and Partner States

Article 5 Any country expressing in writing its agreement to the creation of ACHA at least one day before the Asian Dialogue for Cultural Heritage Conservation that was convened on 27 October 2021 shall be a Founding Member State of ACHA. Founding Member States of ACHA shall jointly draw up the Statutes of ACHA and fulfill the obligations laid down in the Statutes of ACHA.

Article 6 All Asian countries may apply for the membership of ACHA. The competent authority of cultural heritage of the applicant country shall submit an official written application to the Secretariat of ACHA. The applicant country shall be officially granted with the status of Member State when two thirds of the voting members of the Council do not raise an objection in writing within one month after the application is submitted. In its written application, the applicant

country shall agree to accept all the provisions laid down in the Statutes of ACHA.

Article 7 An applicant country for the membership of ACHA shall:

1. demonstrate its interest in the membership of ACHA and submit a written application to ACHA;
2. recognize and accept the Statutes of ACHA;
3. undertake to fulfill the conditions as of a Member State and actively participate in ACHA's activities.

Article 8 A Member State shall enjoy the following rights:

1. participate in all the activities and conferences organized by of ACHA;
2. organize and initiate activities on behalf of ACHA, subject to approval by the Council;
3. share and use resources of ACHA in compliance with these Statutes and related agreements.

Article 9 A Member State shall fulfill the following conditions:

1. comply with these Statutes and related rules and regulations and implement decisions made by ACHA;
2. safeguard interests and legitimate rights of ACHA ;
3. take the initiative to organize and participate in ACHA's activities and contribute to its building and development;
4. work to enhance the visibility of ACHA worldwide;
5. designate a specialized agency to maintain communication with the Secretariat for the purpose of facilitating daily operations.

Article 10 ACHA may admit any Asian country as an Observer State or any non-Asian county as a Partner State who is as such eligible to participate in ACHA's activities. The competent authority of cultural heritage of the applicant country shall submit an official written application to the Secretariat of ACHA. The status of an Observer State or a Partner State shall be recognized when two thirds of the voting members of the Council do not raise an objection in writing within one month after the application is submitted. An Observer or Partner State shall enjoy the following rights:

1. attend the General Assembly and discuss issues within the mandates of the bodies of ACHA, but without voting rights;
2. participate in ACHA's activities or organize activities in collaboration with ACHA;
3. enjoy access to documents prepared and decisions made by all the bodies of ACHA.

Article 11 Observer States or Partner States shall not be engaged in the drafting and signing of ACHA's documents. They shall also not be engaged in decision-making of the bodies of ACHA, and accordingly not held liable for such decisions. Observer States are not entitled to applying for the use of ACHA's funds.

Chapter III The General Assembly

Article 12 The General Assembly shall meet in ordinary session every two years, attended by representatives of the Member States. Under exceptional circumstances, the General Assembly may meet in the form of teleconference or video conference.

Article 13 The functions of the General Assembly shall be to :

1. consider issues or matters within the scope of these Statutes;
2. examine the Council's work reports and adopt ACHA's work plans;
3. elect members of the Council.

Article 14 Each Member State shall have one vote in the General Assembly.

Article 15 An institution or an individual who make significant contribution to ACHA may be awarded an honorary status and granted a certificate of honor by the General Assembly when recommended by a Member State and approved by the Council.

Chapter IV The Council, the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat

Article 16 ACHA shall comprise the Council, the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat.

Article 17 The Council shall examine and determine ACHA's long-term policies, work plans and financial arrangements.

Article 18 The Council shall consist of up to sixteen (16) members, each from a Member State, including one (1) member as the Chair of the Council. The Council shall also include one (1) voting member in the capacity of the Director of the Asian Fund for Cultural Heritage Conservation and three (3) non-voting members, including the Secretary-General, the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee, and one (1) representative from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Article 19 The functions of the Council shall be to:

1. elect the Chair;
2. appoint the Secretary-General;
3. approve the status of Member States, Observer States and Partner States;
4. determine the composition of the Scientific Committee;
5. enact and revise these Statutes;
6. examine and approve ACHA's strategies, action plans and lists of collaborative projects;
7. examine and approve ACHA's budget;
8. oversee the use of ACHA's funds and the implementation of ACHA's programs and projects;
9. examine the implementation of decisions made by the General Assembly and the Council.

10. If a large private institution active in the field of cultural heritage takes effective and worthwhile measures in the conservation of Asian cultural heritage, in order to encourage and support these activities, ACHA, at the request of one of the Member States, can grant the affiliate membership to these institutions. This membership is honorary and these members do not have the right to vote and can only use the logo and title as affiliated membership of ACHA.

11. decide on other major issues.

Article 20 The Council shall meet once every year. Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may meet in the form of teleconference or video conference.

Article 21 The Council shall consider issues in a way that combines consensus decision-making with majority voting, that is, to make the greatest possible effort to reach a consensus. If a consensus fails to be reached, a motion to resort to voting may be proposed by at least two thirds of the voting Council members. In this case, the Council may take a vote. A decision that wins the votes by at least two thirds of the Council members present and voting shall be taken.

Article 22 The Council shall consist of one Chair. Vice Chairs may be elected upon the proposal of the Chair as needed by the development of ACHA. The Chair shall be elected for a term of four years and may be re-elected once.

Article 23 To ensure the steady operation of ACHA in its initial stage, the first Chair of the Council shall be held by China in the capacity of the Initiating State. The Chair shall be elected by voting from the third year after the Council is established. All members of the Council may be eligible for the election of the Chair which shall be elected every four years.

Article 24 The functions of the Chair shall be to:

1. convoke and preside over sessions of the General Assembly and Council;
2. work with parties concerned on behalf of ACHA;
3. facilitate related work of ACHA and play an active role in publicity, cooperation and fundraising.

Article 25 A Council member shall be elected for a term of four years and may be re-elected once at most. ACHA's Founding Member States shall automatically become members of the Council. Half members of the Council shall be re-elected from the third year after the Council is established. The Council will lay down the method of the first election. The election of the Council members shall take place every four years thereafter.

Article 26 The Secretariat shall perform the duties of operation, management, liaison and coordination. Its functions shall be to:

1. undertake daily operation and management of ACHA;
2. handle written applications for the status of Member States, Observer States or Partner States;

3. submit to the Council ACHA's strategies, action plans and lists of collaborative projects and the Scientific Committee's comments;
4. implement the Council's decisions;
5. organize ACHA's activities;
6. manage and enforce annual work plans and financial budgets and accounts;
7. when necessary, request the Council to organize an interim Council session; carry out work for publicity and resources mobilization;
8. draft decisions, documents and session minutes of the General Assembly and the Council;
9. handle other business commissioned or authorized by the Council.

Article 27 The Secretary-General shall perform a term of four years and may be eligible for re-election. The functions of the Secretary-General shall be to:

1. lead and examine the work of the Secretariat;
2. sign important documents and participate in major activities on behalf of ACHA;
3. facilitate the work of the Secretariat and play an active role in publicity, cooperation and fundraising.

Article 28 The Executive Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Member State where the Secretariat is located and shall perform the following functions:

1. lead daily operations of the Secretariat, implement decisions of the General Assembly and the Council, and supervise work progress;
2. prepare meetings of the Council and sessions of the General Assembly;
3. chair meetings of ACHA other than meetings of the Council and sessions of the General Assembly.

Article 29 ACHA's Member States may recommend their representatives to join the Secretariat and related costs shall be undertaken at their own expense in principle. The Secretariat shall be based at China Academy of Cultural Heritage which shall provide necessary staff members and workplace.

Article 30 ACHA shall consist of the Scientific Committee. Pursuant to the Council's decisions, the Scientific Committee shall provide recommendations on all professional issues arising from the development of strategies and scientific assessments by ACHA. Professional recommendations made by the Scientific Committee shall be submitted to the Council for examination via the Secretariat.

The Scientific Committee shall consist of at least nine (9) and at most fifteen (15) members. Members of the Scientific Committee shall be recommended by Council members and appointed by the Council for a term of four years and may be reappointed once. The Scientific Committee shall have one Chairperson who shall be elected for a term of four years and may be re-elected once.

When necessary, members of the Scientific Committee may attend its meetings in the form of video conference, through email or by other means of communication.

Chapter V Funding Sources

Article 31 The funding sources of ACHA shall include:

1. voluntary contributions by the Member States;
2. financial support from the Asian Fund for Cultural Heritage Conservation;
3. contributions by institutions or individuals of the Member States;
4. other sources.

Article 32 The Asian Fund for Cultural Heritage Conservation created by China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation in collaboration with other institutions interested in the conservation of cultural heritage across Asia provides support for ACHA's work.

Article 33 ACHA's funds must be used subject to the scope of business laid down in these Statutes and for the purpose of ACHA's development.

Article 34 ACHA's Member States enjoy the priority right to use the funds contributed from their own states.

Chapter VI Supplementary Provisions

Article 35 These Statutes are adopted by consensus at the Founding Assembly of ACHA on April 24, 2023 and shall enter into force immediately thereupon.

Article 36 ACHA's decisions shall be priority upon acts of its Member States. The working languages of ACHA are Chinese and English.

Article 37 Any of the Member States of ACHA may, at least 6 months before the next General Assembly is convened, withdraw its membership by submitting a written declaration.

Article 38 The right to interpret these Statutes shall reside with the Secretariat, the right to revise these Statutes reside with the Council, and the right to adopt these Statutes reside with the General Assembly.